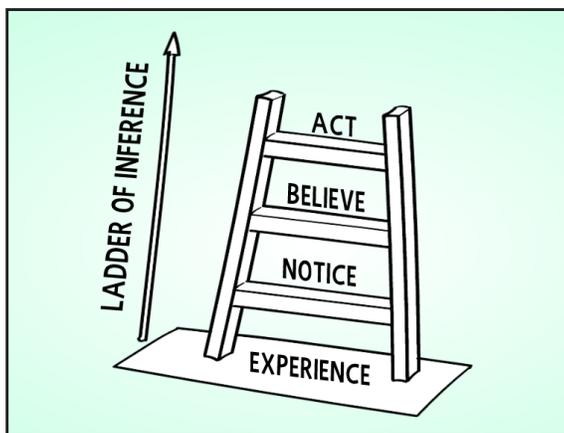


Supporting Family Systems: *Building Relationships with Families*

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALANA, ERIK, AND MARK

Alana, Erik, and Mark

Alana and Erik are teen parents who enrolled their infant, Mark, in the Happy House Children’s Center. The teachers observe that both parents talk to their baby regularly and spend time playing with him before they leave for school. Erik plays “Peek-a-Boo” with Mark and makes him laugh. The parents keep Mark wrapped up in many layers of clothing, even on warm days. They say that they want him to stay dressed this way when he is at the Children’s Center.



What stood out for you as you listened to this story?

In this story, what information about Alana, Erik, and Mark did you pay particular attention to?

What beliefs or mental models came up as you thought about this family?
